

COMPANY HISTORY REFERENCE BOOKS

After the plea in the last Bulletin for names of reference books, from MIKE BAVIN comes this rather impressive list.

1. Brief history of Titus Salt (pp25/26) "Life during The Industrial Revolution" - (Reader's Digest Assoc' Ltd., 1995)
2. A History of the Modern Chemical Industry by Hardie-Pratt. (Pergamon, 1996)
3. "Yes We Have Some, The Story of Fyffes" by Beaver. (Publications for Companies, 1976) inc. United Fruit Co. – which perforated Jamaican stamps: but British??
4. "Realms of Silver" by Compton MacKenzie (Routledge & Keegan Paul, 1954) - Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.
5. "One Hundred Years of Banking in Asia & Africa. National & Grindlays Bank Ltd. 1863-1963" by Tyson. (Pub. by the Bank, 1963)

6. "The Century of the Sun" by Schull (MacMillan of Canada, 1971)
Sunlife of Canada - a common Canadian perfin.
7. "Baring Bros & Co. Ltd. - A History to 1939" by Orbell
(Published by Baring Brothers, 1985)
8. "Cook's Tours, The Story of Popular Travel" by Swinglehurst
(Blandford, 1982)
9. "Fifty Years of Unilever, 1930-80" by Reader (Heinman, 1980)
10. "Esto Perpetua Norwich Union Life Ins.Co." by Blake.
(Neame, Norwich, 1958)
11. "The Sun Insurance Office, 1710-1960" by Dickson. (OUP, 1960)
12. "The Merchant Bankers" by Wechsberg (Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 1967). Inc. Hambros, Barings, Warburg, Mattison, Abs, Lehman, Rothschilds.
13. "The Thomas Cook Story" by Pudney (Joseph, 1953)
14. "The History of Baker Perkins" by Muir (Heffer, 1968)
15. "A Hundred Years of Joint Stock Banking" by Crick & Wadsworth (Hodder & Stoughton, 1936)
16. "Harrods, The Store and The Legend" by Date (Pan, 1981)
17. "One Hundred Years of Good Company" by Newman (Ruston and Hornsby, Lincoln, 1957)
18. "The Story of the Britannia Iron Works, Wm.Marshall Sons & Co. Gainsborough" by Lane (Quilter, 1992) and "The Book of Gainsborough" by Beckwith (Baracuda, 1988)
19. "Grantham, A Pictorial History" by Knapp (Phillimore, 1990)

On the same subject of reference books, DAVE HILL sent me a catalogue of "Rare, Scarce and Secondhand BRITISH DIRECTORIES and Other Related Books". It is of List 21 from RAY SPARKES (Books), The Grange, Woodhouses, Yoxall, Staffordshire DE13 8NP Tel:01543 472274.

There are 40 pages of directories etc dating from 1795 to the 1960's. The books are categorised into counties and prices range from £5 to £250. The majority seem to be £30-£50. The catalogue makes good reading. The two books that took my fancy are priced in the £125 bracket!

Dave Hill has The Butterworth Dictionary of Business Biography, which he finds very useful for data on perfin users.

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